



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

1200 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20460

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2017

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0132

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OFFICE OF ACQUISITION
MANAGEMENT, EPA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	EPA	

ALLEGATIONS: On July 19, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was referred EPA OIG Hotline complaint 2017-0332. Allegedly (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Acquisition Management, Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Ronald Reagan Building, Washington DC; had a counterfeit badge (that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presumably created) seized by EPA guards who then turned the badge over to the Securities Management Division (SMD)

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: On July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was issued a memo terminating (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) appointment as a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with EPA, effective July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017. On August 23, 2017, this matter was referred to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution and was declined the same day. On January 19, 2018, the Office of Investigations contacted the EPA Suspension and Debarment office to determine if debarment actions should be taken against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). On January 26, 2018, the Suspension and Debarment office determined that the misconduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

DISPOSITION: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) all appropriate actions have been considered and or taken regarding this matter, this case is being closed with no further action.

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1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW, SUITE B140
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

DATE: January 11, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AR-2016-CAC-0065

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: THEFT BY DECEPTION, SUBJECT CLAIMED EPA EMPLOYEE
DEMANDED CASH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	LEXINGTON PARK, MD	

POTENTIAL VIOLATION(S):

Maryland State Statute Title 7 – 104;

Theft: less than \$1000.

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 14, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Hotline received a forwarded electronic message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO), Maryland. The message reported a scam involving an unknown individual who posed as an employee of the EPA. The person demanded cash from an elderly female for environmental violations in St. Mary County Maryland.

FINDINGS:

This investigation revealed on April 5, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received \$300 from an elderly disabled female after telling the victim she had paid an EPA employee to resolve environmental violations of the victim's septic system.

Investigation conducted by the EPA OIG and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's office found (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had fabricated the EPA's involvement in the scheme. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was arrested for an unrelated theft charge and again interviewed regarding the EPA incident. During the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted fabricating the story about an EPA employee being involved in the scheme in order to fraudulently obtain money from the elderly victim.

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On July 23, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Lexington Park, Maryland, woman was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$1,000.

On January 6, 2017, during a hearing in St. Mary's County Circuit Court, Maryland, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to a Maryland State charge of Theft: Less than \$1000.

On March 10, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) appeared in St. Mary's County Circuit court and was sentenced to 18 months' incarceration and 5 years supervised probation for her involvement in the Theft.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is currently incarcerated at the Jessup Maryland Correctional facility.

DISPOSITION: Supported. Closed.

All legal proceedings have been completed and/or exhausted in this investigation.

As a result, this investigation is closed.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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DATE: February 1, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-RTP-2016-ADM-0070

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: AILLEN-KEARNEY, NIRILLA, CONTRACTOR ORD NHEERL

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Allen-Kearney, Nirilla Lacho	Durham, NC	EPA Contractor

VIOLATIONS:

Conduct unbecoming of a Federal Employee/Contractor.

ALLEGATION:

On May 17, 2016, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Inspector General Office of Investigations assisted Special Agents from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the arrest of Nirilla Allen-Kearney, a contract employee with the EPA Office of Research and Development, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Lab, Research Triangle Park (RTP), NC. Allen-Kearney was arrested in the E301 conference room of the EPA RTP campus without incident.

FINDINGS:

On May 18, 2016, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the Indictment for Allen-Kearney and all other subjects of the investigations after it had been unsealed in court. Allen-Kearney was indicted on the following charges:

Count 1 - Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 (a) (1) To knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with the intent to distribute cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance.

Count 2 - Title 18, United States Code, Section L95 Did knowingly combine, conspire, and agree with each other and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit offenses against the United States.

Conspiracy underlying charge - Title 21 United States Code, Sections 841 (a) (1) and 846 - To knowingly conduct and attempt to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate commerce and foreign commerce, which transactions in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful

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activity, that is, conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute of cocaine and marijuana. And that while conducting and attempting to conduct such financial transactions, knew that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956 (a) (1) (B) (i). The manner and means used to accomplish the objectives of the conspiracy included, among others, the following: deposits of United States Currency utilizing individual nominee bank accounts with Bank of America to conceal the true payee, payments for apartments, houses, and phones by a nominee to conceal the true owner/user of those items A11 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956 (h).

Allen-Kearney pled guilty for violating 18 USC 195(h) 18 Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering. The EPA-OIG did not complete any additional investigative activities following the arrest.

DISPOSITION:

Supported; Closed

On August 25, 2016, the EPA Suspension and Debarment (S&D) division suspended Allen-Kearney from participating in government contracts. On September 12, 2017, Allen-Kearney was sentenced to 24 months' confinement by the Eastern District of North Carolina. On December 22, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA S&D Official, Washington, DC, debarred Allen-Kearney for three years, starting when Allen-Kearney was suspended. The debarment will terminate August 3, 2019. This investigation is closed.



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DATE: JANUARY 30, 2017

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0131

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GRANTEE, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	EPA	

ALLEGATIONS: On July 19, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was referred EPA OIG Hotline complaint 2017-0331. Allegedly, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Grantee, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Washington DC; had a counterfeit badge (that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presumably created) seized by EPA guards who then turned the badge over to the Securities Management Division (SMD)

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: On May (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was issued a memo terminating (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) position with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) grantee program. On August 23, 2017, this matter was referred to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution and was declined the same day. On January 19, 2018, the Office of Investigations contacted the EPA Suspension and Debarment office to determine if debarment actions should be taken against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). On January 26, 2018, the Suspension and Debarment office determined that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

DISPOSITION: Since all appropriate actions have been considered and/or taken regarding this matter, this case is being closed with no further action.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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DATE: MARCH 28, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AT-2018-THT-0054

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § 111 - Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees.

ALLEGATION: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) threatened to kill Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

FINDINGS: On February 8, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), spoke telephonically with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TN. During this conversation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allegedly became agitated while discussing a TDEC inspector and stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had been lied to by "that blond haired bitch" and that if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could "get (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hands around (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) throat (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) kill that bitch."

As background, prior to the call with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recently received a letter from TDEC which advised that TDEC was placing a lien on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property. The lien is in response to unpaid fines from a 2006 TDEC inspection (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) telephone number was identified on the letter that TDEC sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to tell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not going to pay the fine. During the call, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allegedly became agitated and went on a tirade about being lied to by the 2006 inspector and made the aforementioned threat. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) subsequently identified the TDEC inspector from 2006 as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Knoxville, TN.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by EPA-OIG and provided further information regarding the 2006 incident. Specifically, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was involved in an enforcement action at property owned by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TN. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noted that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not present during the enforcement action. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recalled (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and other relatives

were present. No verbal threats were made to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) during this visit. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was in possession of a firearm and proceeded to pace back and forth in an agitated manner while holding the firearm (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) car was also surrounded by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) family members.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noted that (b) (6), (b) (7) felt threatened during this incident. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

believed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a letter from TDEC's Office of General Counsel which advised that a lien may be placed on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noted the letter is what prompted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) most recent contact with TDEC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was uncertain whether the threat made by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was made against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not have blonde hair. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has not had contact with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in twelve years and doubted that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would be able to recognize (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) opined that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may not recall what (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) looks like either.

DISPOSITION: On March 27, 2018, EPA-OIG Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented the facts of this investigation to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Matthew T. Morris, Eastern District of Tennessee. After hearing the facts of the case, AUSA Morris declined the case (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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ATLANTA, GA 30303

DATE: March 22, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AT-2018-THT-0053

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CIVILIAN, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

VIOLATION(S):

Threat Against the EPA Organization, (includes Threats Against EPA Facilities)

ALLEGATION:

This case was opened based on information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Security Management Division, EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who received a complaint from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA Region IV, alleging (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made threats toward the Atlanta Federal Center and the occupants.

FINDING:

On February 14, 2018, SA's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA, OIG, Atlanta, GA, interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a threat to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and/or the EPA facility by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) essentially provided following: In June of 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed a sexual harassment complaint against another co-worker. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke with other (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who worked with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) behavior, and found they had similar issues. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted a background check on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and found that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was named in another sexual misconduct case in the past, but could

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not provide specific details (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed a Freedom of Information Act request because (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was informed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed an IG complaint against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Agents explained there was not an IG complaint filed against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) within EPA Region IV, and informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could inquire to see if a complaint was filed at the headquarters level.

On February 14, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) telephonically spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a threat (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) essentially provided the following: In June of 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed a sexual harassment complaint against a coworker named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (No Further Information) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On February 20, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) telephonically spoke with Ryan Buchanan (Buchanan), Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) United States Attorney Office (AUSAO), Northern District of Georgia, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the merits of the case and future investigative steps to interview (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Buchanan did not object to agents interviewing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and said to call the AUSAO if further assistance is needed.

On February 21, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) telephonically contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to schedule a meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the alleged complaint filed against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Upon contacting (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave an unprompted explanation stating (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never spoken to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) nor had a description of how (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) looked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On February 23, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Georgia, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the alleged threat made by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Also present during the interview was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). After proper identification was shown and the nature of the interview was given, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to an audio recorded interview.

Brief Interview Overview

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did know why (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made an allegation against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and denied threatening or following (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) outside the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachment:

1. Audio Recorded Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), February 23, 2018



180223_0014.MP3

On February 26, 2018, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA, OIG, interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA Region IV, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), to establish if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) displayed any erratic behavior within the office or with other employees. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) essentially provided the following: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never encountered in erratic or bizarre behavior.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was notified of the alleged threat to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from an email received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) briefly regarding the incident to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) know (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was aware of what happened. There have been times when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) questioned (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the progress of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work and did not get a truthful answer. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) often verified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work progress and mentioned that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not trustworthy. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had not observed or witness (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acting unprofessional or having anger tendencies within the division, but also mentioned that many of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) employees, including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), worked from home.

On February 26, 2018, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding information obtained from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that, according to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) exhibited strange behavior at home. Agents briefed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on

information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Agents also explained (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied threatening (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and relayed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not know how (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) looked. Additionally, Agents informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that OIG will be closing their threat investigation and allow (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to investigate the sexual misconduct complaint filed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Summary:

This investigation stemmed from a complaint filed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleging (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made threats toward the Atlanta Federal Center and/or the occupants. Based on investigative steps, and interviews conducted, there was no evidence to substantiate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claim that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) threaten (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), therefore, no additional steps or leads are required and this case will be closed. If additional information is acquired, a continuing investigation will be opened at that time.



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CASE #: OI-HQ-2016-ADM-0080

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection Agency

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): N/A

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Special Agent

MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
Case Closing Report

NARRATIVE:

On February 16, 2016, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The complaint alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was verbally and physically assaulted during a workplace meeting.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that during a workplace meeting, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, walked around from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) desk and forcefully swung a stack of papers, making contact with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while yelling aggressively (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the force of the papers left (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) collar disheveled and removed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tie pin.

OPR interviewed witness, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated corroborated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) account of the incident. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported that while (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not verbally threaten (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acted in an intimidating and unprofessional manner.

OPR interviewed witness, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported to OPR and Federal Protective Service Investigator (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE:
OI-HQ-2016-ADM-0080

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
March 16, 2018

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
N/A

DRAFTED DATE:
March 16, 2018

AGENT(S):
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not see (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) waive any papers at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Additionally, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never left (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) chair and that there was no behavior which met the definition of an assault.

OPR interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on February 23, 2016. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never approached (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and never threatened (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied, "completely false" when asked if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hit (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with the papers.

On February 24, 2016, this investigation was presented and declined by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Washington, DC. This investigation was referred to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for administrative remedies.

On January 9, 2018, OPR was notified that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily retired after receiving a written notice of suspension for lack of candor in an official investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.

CASE:
OI-HQ-2016-ADM-0080

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
March 16, 2018

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
N/A

DRAFTED DATE:
March 16, 2018

AGENT(S):
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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CHICAGO, IL 60604

CASE #: OI-CH-2018-ADM-0001

CROSS REFERENCE #: Case number

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Chicago, IL

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): Interviewee

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

VIOLATION(s): 18 U.S.C § 2252 (Possession, Distribution and Receipt of Child Pornography)

ALLEGATION(s): On September 22, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Chicago Field Office (CFO) received a telephone call from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA Region 5, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) related the following:

On September 5, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a call from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that while packing to move (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) came across an old EPA laptop that needed to be returned. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made arrangements for the laptop to be mailed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) researched the laptop, but no one had any record of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retaining an EPA assigned laptop.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received the laptop computer on September 18, 2017. Upon receipt of the computer, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) began to review the electronic content for any records that would need to be handled in accordance with the Agency's record retention policy. There were a few document files that were not records which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) deleted. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed this computer was in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' possession during the early 2000's which is when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a disciplinary action. On March 20, 2005, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was suspended for 30 days for inappropriate behavior and misuse of a computer (sexual in nature). The offenses from this action were the misuse of government resources and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) misrepresentations to the OIG about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) misuse.

Based on this, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) felt it necessary to make sure there was nothing inappropriate on the computer before returning the laptop to EPA inventory. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) first looked at the internet history and saw that two searches of a sexual nature had been conducted. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not open

CASE:
OI-CH-2018-ADM-0001

DATE OF ACTIVITY:
April 10, 2018

INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
Interviewee

DRAFTED DATE:
April 10, 2018

AGENT(S):
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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these links but did a search to see if there were any images on the computer as a result of the these or any other internet searches. Running a search for image files led (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to several files housed in the temporary internet file directory. While (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not open any of the files, the file names suggested that many contained images of a sexual nature. It was when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) came across files with the term "boys" in the name that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stopped and turned the computer off. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was concerned the computer contained child pornography.

FINDINGS: On October 11, 2017, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested investigative support from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, OIG, OI, Electronics Crime Division (ECD). Specifically, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested ECD to conduct an examination of an EPA laptop searching for child pornography.

On January 9, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a report from ECD that no child pornography was found on the computer.

DISPOSITION: This case is not criminal and is solely an administrative matter. The investigation showed that the allegation was not supported. No further action is expected in this case; therefore, this case is closed.

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):
Interviewee

DRAFTED DATE:
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AGENT(S):
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

75 Hawthorne Street, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

DATE: February 1, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-SA-2017-OTH-0128

CROSS REFERENCE: Hotline #2017-0318

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SEATTLE, WA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 133

Assault

ALLEGATION: This investigation was predicated upon a complaint from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA, Region 9, regarding an alleged incident of harassment of EPA employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Region 9, by FPS guards at Henry M. Jackson Federal Building in Seattle, WA. Specifically, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleges that on June 13, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was subjected to an inappropriate security screening in which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was unnecessarily screened and ridiculed by the FPS guards.

FINDINGS: Interviews of EPA personnel; interviews of contracted Public Safety Officers (PSOs), an interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); and a review of security video footage were conducted. The investigation did not support the allegation of harassment or an inappropriate security screening by security guards at the Henry M. Jackson Federal Building against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The security screening of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) appeared reasonable and appropriate.

DISPOSITION: Due to the fact the allegation was not supported, no further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.



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DATE: February 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-SA-2018-ADM-0041

CROSS REFERENCE #: COMP-2018-27

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-13, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	San Francisco, CA	

VIOLATIONS:

None.

ALLEGATION: On December 11, 2017, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), San Francisco Field Office, was provided information by the Personnel Security Branch, Security Management Division, EPA, Washington, DC, of the arrest of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Region 9, San Francisco, CA. Initial reporting is that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was arrested on November (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, by a Sheriff's Office in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CA. Reported charges are that of force, assault with a deadly weapon (not a firearm), great bodily injury, and vandalism \$400 or more.

FINDINGS: The investigation did support the allegation of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) arrest, with the exception of the arresting agency being the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Police Department. A review of employee records revealed no other derogatory information against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). As per regional counsel, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not required to report the arrest to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisors or the agency. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not hold a security clearance. Following the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisors have reported (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has not exhibited any signs of threatening or disruptive behavior since, or before the arrest. The EPA OIG OI interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supported this.

DISPOSITION: EPA Region 9 has determined (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to not be a threat or distractor in the work place following (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) arrest. There was no requirement for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to report the incident to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisors or the agency at large. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did notify (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisors, and had already taken action by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has agreed to keep the agency abreast of the pending case. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisors are willing to work with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with regards to leave, more than likely to be leave without pay, in the instance (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was to be sentenced to serve time in jail.

No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

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1595 WYNKOOP STREET, 4th FLOOR
DENVER, CO 80202

DATE: March 29, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-DE-2018-BKG-0070

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Special Agent Applicant

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

VIOLATION(S): N/A

ALLEGATION: On March 20, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations initiated a case to complete a background investigation on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), an applicant for a Special Agent position (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

FINDINGS: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) were conducted. The (b) (7)(E) were favorable and interviewees recommended (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for a position of trust.

DISPOSITION: All background and reference checks related to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) have been completed. No negative responses noted. This case is closed.